

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (cancelled).

2. (currently amended) A position adjustable steering apparatus for a vehicle comprising:

a vehicle body side bracket having a vehicle body mount portion to be mounted on a vehicle body and paired left and right opposed flat plate portions extending in ~~thea~~ substantially vertical direction;

a steering column for rotatably supporting a steering shaft, the steering column having an expanded portion, formed by expanding a portion of a tubular material, that is to be in pressure contact with the pair of opposed flat plate portions of said vehicle body side bracket;

a shaft inserted through said pair of opposed flat plate portions and said expanded portion; and

an adjustment mechanism that acts on said shaft as an operation lever is rotated, for adjusting the distance between said pair of opposed flat plate portions,

wherein ~~said steering column has a portion that is present in an area extending from said shaft up to at least said vehicle body mount portion and has a width of the steering column along a line crossing the center of the steering column~~ is larger than the width of a ~~penetrated portion of said expanded portion at which~~ where said shaft is inserted ~~through~~.

3. (cancelled).

4. (currently amended) A position adjustable steering apparatus for a vehicle comprising:

a vehicle body side bracket having a vehicle body mount portion to be mounted on a vehicle body and paired left and right opposed flat plate portions extending in the substantially vertical direction;

a steering column for rotatably supporting a steering shaft, the steering column having a first expanded portion, formed by expanding a portion of a tubular material, that is to be in pressure contact with the pair of opposed flat plate portions of said vehicle body side bracket;

a shaft inserted through said pair of opposed flat plate portions and said first expanded portion; and

an adjustment mechanism that acts on said shaft as an operation lever is rotated, for adjusting the distance between said pair of opposed flat plate portions,

wherein said steering column has a second expanded portion expanded from a substantially center portion thereof at said vehicle body mount portion side, and

~~said steering column has a portion that is present in an area extending from said shaft up to at least said vehicle body mount portion and has a width~~a width of said steering column along a line crossing the center of the steering column is larger than the width of ~~a penetrated portion of said first expanded portion at which~~where said shaft is inserted ~~through~~ and the width of said second expanded portion.